

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 12th June 2016

Echo Ireland June Edition

In the latest edition of the society's journal, Echo Ireland, a wide range of activities undertaken by affiliated clubs over the past few months are covered, including participation in the Mills on the Air weekend, the Geopark Weekend and Railways on the Air.

Wire antenna construction projects always make interesting reading and an article by Gerry EI8DRB about his homebrew off-centre-fed dipole is no exception: as well as dealing with his investigations into the most suitable balun for this antenna, Gerry describes the efforts needed to ensure that it would withstand the Springtime gales in the west of Ireland.

Looking now at our regular columns in Echo Ireland: in "Excerpts from the HX Files", Pat EI2HX talks about assembling a portable amateur TV transceiver; in "HF Happenings", Anthony EI2KC brings us up to date on recent DXing activity, plus the interesting DX that we can look forward to in the near future; while in "Contest News" we have a report on the society's first 80 metres Evening Counties Contest and the Easter Monday 2 metres event; also included are the new Irish records set during the 2015 CQ World Wide DX contest series.

Other articles that members can look forward to reading include an update on the activities of the International Amateur Radio Union, a report on one member's experiments with the use of a Raspberry Pi computer as a transmitter and an excellent summary of the various ways in which the Sun can influence radio propagation.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The June meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday night 27th June at 8pm. This meeting will be preceded by a Committee meeting at 7pm sharp. All Committee members are asked to attend and be there for 7pm please.

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can check our website www.searg.ie and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Limerick Radio Club IRLP

IRLP is back in service thanks to Liam EI7DSB. IRLP is now running on a Raspberry Pi (PiIRLP) and a Baofeng handheld. The Limerick IRLP Node is 5880.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will take part in the IARU HF World Championship as part of the EIDX Group team which takes place on the 9th and 10th July.

A large multi-multi station will be set up in Garbally College Ballinasloe Co. Galway and EI0HQ will be the callsign for the contest.

This will be a great opportunity to see a large contest station in action so visitors are of course welcome. For more details contact Dave EI9FBB or PAT EI9HX, QTHR.

The next Club meeting will be on the 15th July at 20:30 in Hannons Hotel Roscommon Town. For more information please see www.shannonbasinradioclub.com

IRTS Technical Panel

The IRTS Technical Panel is a group of volunteers who have expertise in, or experience of, different aspects of amateur radio. Our aim is to help radio amateurs with technical or operational problems.

Send your questions to irtstech /at/ irts.ie. Provide as much information as possible, including details of attempts already made to deal with the issue in question. Your query will be distributed to all the members of the Technical Panel and the resolution to the query e-mailed to you.

DX News

John K9EL is paying another of his visits to the Caribbean. Look for him signing FS/K9EL from St Martin Island until 23rd June. He will be on all bands 80 to 6m on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSLs can be obtained via Club Log OQRS.

Koji JM1CAX is normally based in the Japanese Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa. Last week he appeared as C5NX in Gambia. He will be there until 18th June. In April

he operated as 5Z4/JM1CAX in Kenya. He uploads all his contacts to Logbook of The World.

Nobuaki JA0JHQ will be active as 9N7NH from Katmandu, Nepal from 16th to 20th June. While there he will take part in the All-Asian DX Contest. QSL via his home call.

Robert M0RCX will operate holiday style from Mauritius using the callsign 3B8/M0RCX. He will be there from 15th June to 14th July. QSL Manager is EB7DX.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society EI7DAR

DARS have organised a Radio Shack Photography Competition. As it is a photography competition, emphasis should be on submitting a quality photograph. Any shack of any size is eligible. The winner will be announced at the IRTS AGM 2017 in Dundalk. Full details of how to enter this competition is available from ei7dar.com.

Radio News Service

This is a reminder to Club secretaries to submit news to newsteam /at/ irts.ie, on a regular basis for inclusion in the weekly radio news bulletins. Please make a special effort to submit news.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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